

Media Report from the Harlan Police Department

September 18, 2014

September 5, 2014

Rodney Koehrsen, Council Bluffs, contacted officers and advised that he was being harassed by Michael Gifford, age 31, Harlan. Gifford was cited for harassment, 1st degree, and released.

September 6, 2014

Two subjects were arrested when officers observed a disturbance in the 600 block of Market Street. Nicholas Gaer, age 34, and Marcus Erwin, age 28, both of Harlan, were arrested and taken to the Shelby County Jail where they were charged with disorderly conduct.

September 7, 2014

Officers are currently investigating criminal mischief in which the Harlan water tower at Hwy 59 and Cyclone was defaced with gold spray paint.

September 8, 2014

Ryan Schwery, age 37, Earling, while in the Shelby County Jail, was charged with theft in the 5th degree and aiding and abetting, for allegedly calling Lachelle Petersen, age 27, Elk Horn, and asking her to call the Pizza Ranch and order several pizzas that would not be picked up. Petersen then allegedly called the Pizza Ranch and ordered pizza worth approximately \$105.00. Petersen was charged with theft by deception and theft in the 5th degree.

September 9, 2014

Matthew Peters, age 26, Avoca, is charged with 5 counts of theft in the 5th degree for taking money from the deliveries he was making for Pizza Hut. The complaints were sent to the Shelby County clerk of court and Peters was given a court date to appear on the charges.

September 14, 2014

Joey Ranney, Jr., age 27, Harlan, was cited for operating a motor vehicle without a valid driver's license, failure to stop in an assured clear distance, failure to maintain control and leaving the scene of an accident when officers investigated an accident at the corner of Highway 59 and Cyclone Avenue where Ranney struck the back of a vehicle driven by Stephanie Frank. Ranney then left the scene of the accident. The vehicle he was driving was later located at JJ Jensen Sports complex.

September 16, 2014

Jeffrey Stehr, age 59, Harlan, was arrested when officers were called to the Fareway Store for someone taking two steaks from the store without paying for them. Stehr was taken to the Shelby County Jail where he was charged with theft in the 5th degree.

Accidents:

September 6, 2014

Vehicle #1 – Terri McCord
912 Farnam
Harlan, IA

Description: '89 Ford

Damage: \$0.00

Vehicle #2 – Kevin Bruck
1725 Juniper Rd.
Harlan, IA

Description: '03 Honda

Damage: \$1,400.00

Location: 1200 block of College

Narrative: Vehicle #2 was legally parked facing west on the south side of College Blvd. Vehicle #1 backed out of the driveway and struck Vehicle #2 in the front left portion of the car. The driver of Vehicle #1 was cited for no insurance, accident.

September 6, 2014

Vehicle #1 – Jolene Rihner
808 Walnut St.
Harlan, IA

Damage: \$1,500.00

Description: '01 Ford

Vehicle #2 – Glen Motes
1135 Woodland Rd.
Harlan, IA

Damage: \$2,000.00

Description: '96 Chevrolet

Location: 6th and Durant Streets

Narrative: Vehicle #1 was northbound on 6th St. Vehicle #2 was eastbound on Durant St. Vehicle #2 proceeded through the stop sign at the intersection of 6th and Durant Streets. Vehicle #2 struck Vehicle #1 causing minor damage to both vehicles. The driver of Vehicle #1 was taken to Myrtue Medical Center by private vehicle for minor injuries.

September 14, 2014

Vehicle #1 – Stephanie Frank
802 Main St.
Alta, IA

Damage: \$3,000.00

Description: '14 GMC

Vehicle #2 – Joey Ranney, Jr.
808 Victoria St.
Harlan, IA

Damage: \$4,000.00

Description: '11 Jeep

Location: Highway 59 and Cyclone

Narrative: Vehicle #1 was stopped at the stop sign at the intersection of Hwy 59 and Cyclone Ave. Vehicle #1 was headed north, Vehicle #2 was traveling northbound on Hwy 59. Vehicle #2 failed to stop and crashed into the rear of Vehicle #1 causing damage to both units. Following the collision, Vehicle #1 pulled through the intersection and parked on the side of the highway. Vehicle #2 turned east onto Cyclone Avenue and left the scene. Vehicle #2 was later found abandoned on the east driveway to the fairgrounds behind JJ Jensen ball fields.

September 17, 2014

Vehicle #1 – Melissa Renz
904 Durant St.
Harlan, IA

Damage: \$5,000.00

Description: '10 Chevrolet

Vehicle #2 – Duke Aerial, Inc.
65037 Boston Rd.
Atlantic, IA

Damage: \$0.00

Description: '08 Freightliner

Location: 900 block of Elm St.

Narrative: Vehicle #2 was legally parked facing west on the north side of Elm St in the 900 blk of Elm. Vehicle #1 was westbound on Elm Street, approaching the intersection with 10th Street. The driver of Vehicle #1 was blinded by the sun when she got over to the right to avoid an oncoming car and made contact with the back of Vehicle #2.